

Sl. No.	Name of Ay. Dispy.	No. of doctors in position
8.	Jangpura Unit	1
9.	Paschim Vihar Unit	1
10.	Dev Nagar Unit	1
11.	Delhi Cantt. Unit	1
12.	Kingsway Camp Unit	1
13.	Laxmi Nagar Unit	2

(c) to (e) At times it becomes necessary to temporarily depute a doctor, posted in particular dispensary to cater to another dispensary/unit due to the doctor posted there being on leave or otherwise, in the best interest of CGHS beneficiaries. As per the transfer policy of doctors under CGHS, a doctor is transferred after completion of 3 years in one dispensary and in the case of CMO Incharge the period is 4 years. -

### **Worms in polio vaccine**

†2653. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that worms have been found in polio drops to be delivered to small children;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted an inquiry into the matter in view of its harmful effects for newborn babies and thereby developing mistrust among the general public on such campaigns; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. In the current year, two instances of presence of a foreign body in the trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) vial, manufactured by M/s. Bharat Immunological and Biological Corporation Limited (BIBCOL), Bulandshahr, U.P. have been reported.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) In each case, the concerned States were immediately advised not to use the remaining vials of the same batch and samples from the batch were sent for testing in one case, sample was found to be of satisfactory quality and in other case the test result is yet to be received. The vials under reference were supplied by M/s. BIBCOL in the previous financial year i.e. 2005-06.

I may, however, be mentioned here that in the current financial year, this Ministry has not received any consignment of OPV from M/s. BIBCOL. The Ministry has asked M/s. BIBCOL to first get a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certificate from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) specifying that their manufacturing process fully complies with the revised schedule M of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. The acceptance of further supply would be subject to the receipt of the GMP certificate under Schedule M.

### **Visually impaired children**

**2654. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of visually impaired children in the country goes up by 1 lakh every year, according to WHO;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an Associate Professor of Computational and Visual Neurosciences in the Department of Brain at Cognitive Science at MIT, USA has opined that many visually impaired children in India can be cured and that due to lack of awareness or due to financial constraints they were not being addressed; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are considering to address the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):** (a) As per Bulletin of the WHO/November, 2004, 82(11), there are 3.90 Lakh Visually Impaired children (Below the age of 15 years) in India with prevalence rate of 0.08%.

According to Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi Visual Impairment among children are constant over the last five years. The available evidences prove that the blindness among children due to infective and nutritional causes has declined over the period.